

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month—a celebration of Americans of Hispanic heritage and their significant contributions to our community and to our nation, and hosted this year by the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Centers in Brecksville and Wade Park.

This year's theme is "Hispanic Americans: Strength in Unity, Faith and Diversity". This expression is reflective of the five hundred-year history of Hispanic culture and contribution to America. Americans of Hispanic heritage have gracefully and significantly assimilated to, and contributed within, every aspect of our society—enhancing the vibrancy and diversity of life in America.

Hispanic Americans have contributed immeasurably to all areas of our culture—from medicine, law, and business, to education, music and the fine arts. Hispanic Americans in our community and in communities across the country are life-saving doctors and nurses, inspiring professors, dedicated teachers, committed elected officials, fair-minded judges, and hardworking factory employees. Americans of Hispanic heritage bring energy, innovation, and a real sense of social justice to America, while retaining the cultural traditions of their homeland—for all citizens to enjoy.

Moreover, United States Veterans of Hispanic heritage have answered the call to action when our nation needed them most. Thousands of these veterans made the ultimate sacrifice to defend the rights and freedoms for all citizens. Because of the conviction, bravery and selfless action of American Veterans of Hispanic heritage—action seen in every American military conflict, and within every branch of the United States Armed Forces—American democracy and American freedom has been preserved.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, and join me in expressing my gratitude to the outstanding contributions made by Hispanic Americans, especially American Veterans of Hispanic heritage, for their sacrifices and triumphs, on behalf of our entire society. Their journey to America, fraught with significant obstacles and strife, paved the way for a better life for their children and future generations, and signifies what it means to be an American. Within our diversity we find strength. Within our traditions we find unity. And because of their journey—and the journey of people from all points of the world—we are stronger as a community, more unified as a nation, and better as people.

TRIBUTE TO SUE LEMPERT FOR THIRTY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SAN MATEO

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to an extraordinary woman and a very dear friend of mine, Mrs. Sue Lempert, for her thirty years of devoted service to the city of San Mateo, California, which is located in my congressional district.

In 1973 Sue began her illustrious service to the city as a trustee for the San Mateo Elementary School District, where she served for 10 years. She then spent another 10 years as a trustee with the San Mateo Union High School District, before being elected a member of the San Mateo City Council in 1993.

She subsequently served as both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of San Mateo. Since joining the San Mateo City Council, Sue has worked especially hard to improve the transportation system of San Mateo, making it more efficient and environmentally safe. She also has been a strong advocate for increased funding for public libraries, and as a tribute to her, the "Celebrating Sue Lempert Fund" has been created in hopes of raising \$50,000 for a new San Mateo Library.

Mr. Speaker, Sue Lempert's involvement in San Mateo extends beyond her position with the City Council. She is a board member of both the Friends of Early Learning and the Junior Statesmen Foundation. She is a member of the San Mateo Rotary and the Baywood Homeowners Association. She has been involved with the San Mateo Housing Task Force, the San Mateo Downtown Association, and assisting the elderly with their housing needs through the Lesley foundation. In addition to being a pillar of the San Mateo community, she is a loving wife and mother of three children, all of whom attended San Mateo public schools.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting and congratulating this outstanding individual, on her 30 years of service to San Mateo. I commend Sue Lempert who has dedicated herself to our community and truly has made a difference for those around her and indeed the entire county of San Mateo.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PAUL CROATIAN CHURCH

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 100th Anniversary of St. Paul Croatian Church of Cleveland.

Since 1902, St. Paul Church has been serving the spiritual and cultural needs of Croatian Americans in our community. Members and leaders of the Church have been a source of strength and unity for generations of Croatian immigrants, who bravely left behind their beloved homeland to follow the hopeful path to America, seeking a life of justice and freedom.

As Croatian immigrants embraced American freedoms and ideals, St. Paul Church stood like a rock of security, faith and support amid the rough waters of their transition into American society.

Today, as in the past, St. Paul Croatian church continues to be a beacon of light and hope for our Croatian community in Cleveland. This cherished haven has protected and preserved the culture, history and traditions for generations of Croatian Americans—a bond not hindered by time or distance—a bridge connecting the Old World to the New World.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the spiritual leaders and generations of parishioners who founded, supported and sustained St. Paul Croatian Church in Cleveland for one hundred years. As an American of Croatian heritage, I am grateful to have this opportunity to honor an institution that continues to serve as a haven of faith and assistance for generations of Croatian Americans—enhancing the lives of countless individuals and families, and enriching our entire community.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE HON. BOB STUMP

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to honor the memory of former Arizona Congressman Bob Stump and his lifetime of dedication to the United States. I was deeply saddened to learn that our colleague passed away on Friday June 20, 2003, after a long illness. We have not only lost a wonderful friend, but an individual who during his time made countless contributions toward the betterment of our Nation. He was especially concerned with the well-being of our service men and women and went to great lengths to give them the support they so clearly deserve.

Mr. Stump, a native of Phoenix, Arizona, began his career of service at the young age of 16 by joining the Navy. He completed duties as a combat medic during World War II and was elected to the Arizona State Legislature in 1959. There he remained a member for 18 years after which he was elected to represent the 3rd District of Arizona in the United States House of Representatives. During his terms in office, he was appointed as the chairman of both the House Veterans Affairs and Armed Services Committees.

The hundreds who gathered on Wednesday to show their admiration for Mr. Stump could

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only represent a small portion of the many that his life affected. I feel that my predecessor, former Congressman Sonny Callahan, was accurate when he stated that Mr. Stump's "quiet manner produced some of the greatest effects of any I've ever observed. He was a quiet member who seldom spoke at great lengths on the floor, but his ability to get things that he believed in done was phenomenal." We are privileged to have known and worked with this passionate and loyal individual. Mr. Stump will be greatly missed and always remembered.

MOTHER JONES

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a memorable figure in our Nation's labor history and to recognize the role of my district in history. Today, we commemorate the accomplishments of Mother Mary Harris Jones, a pioneer in the courageous battle to protect society's most vulnerable. I would like to commend the New Jersey State AFL-CIO, particularly President Charles Wowkanech and Secretary-Treasurer Laurel Brennan, for preparing the public recognition of a woman of tremendous fortitude. Their leadership on behalf of working people in this State follows in the tradition of Mother Jones. If she were here today she would be proud that her legacy is being so well served by two of New Jersey's most respected leaders.

The dawn of the 20th century was a bright time for many in America, as our industrial and economic strength leapt forward to meet a new era. For too many, though, it was a dreary, dangerous, and disheartening time. Simply by virtue of the circumstances of their birth, thousands of this Nation's poorest children were forced to work in dangerous conditions in mining and textile industries. Many were robbed of life. Those who survived often suffered a lifetime of chronic maladies.

This inequity had no place in Mother Jones's vision of America, and Jones fought vigorously for justice. In the spring of 1903, this fight brought her to Princeton, New Jersey, with an army of 100,000 textile workers that included 16,000 children, who had left their jobs in the Philadelphia area so that a nation might recognize their plight. Mother Jones stood before a crowd of professors, students, and citizens at Princeton University, bringing to the gates of higher education those children who were robbed of even the chance to read or write. Children at this demonstration carried signs saying, "I want to go to school." She showed them James Ashworth, whose ten-year-old spine was contorted from carrying 75-pound bundles of yarn, 10 hours each day, earning \$3 per week. She spoke, and a generation was given the hope that a better day would come and the courage to take action against more powerful forces.

Mother Jones sparked the Nation's consciousness that day in Princeton. Her army took the first steps toward equity for workers and the abolition of child labor in America. One hundred years later, we should remember her fight, and I hope that all Americans learn from this woman's moral strength and her concern for our poorest children. As we reenact

the events of that day and dedicate a memorial to honor Mother Jones, we must continue to speak out for those whose voices are unheard. In so doing we must defend the right to organize, earn a decent living, work in a safe environment, and ensure that all in America share in the progress of this Nation.

IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND
JOHN C. DALTON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Reverend John C. Dalton, pastor of Holy Name Parish, on the occasion of his retirement from active ministry.

Father Dalton began serving the Northeast Ohio community in May, 1948, when he was ordained into the priesthood. He ministered to families and individuals in Akron, Lorain, Cleveland and Tallmadge before joining Holy Name Parish in 1972. Father Dalton became pastor of Holy Name in 1973, and has served the parishioners at Holy Name for the past thirty years.

Father Dalton's legacy to the Holy Name community will forever be embedded within each new generation of parishioners at Holy Name Parish. During his ministry at Holy Name church, Father Dalton was instrumental in maintaining the structural beauty of Holy Name church—one of the most stunning edifices in the Greater Cleveland area. Moreover, Father Dalton leaves a legacy of sincere compassion and commitment to each member of his congregation. His kind words, deeds and spiritual assistance to those in need will be forever remembered, and he will be greatly missed by the entire Holy Name community.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Father John C. Dalton, on the occasion of his retirement from the active ministry. Father Dalton—spiritual leader, compassionate counselor, wise administrator, and friend to all—will remain in the hearts and souls of all who know him. The parishioners Father Dalton has served, especially those within the Holy Name community, will always remember his integrity, kindness, compassion and dedication, and his legacy and example will live on for generations to come.

HONORING REVEREND HOWARD
JOHNSON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Reverend Howard Johnson for his 21 years of service as pastor of the Truevine Missionary Baptist Church of Mobile, Alabama, and for numerous other contributions he has made to his community throughout his lifetime.

Rev. Johnson was born in Jackson, Alabama, on June 26, 1940. He grew up in Clarke County, and it is there that he received his primary education. In 1967, Mr. Johnson entered the ministry and was licensed to

preach. His first church was the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Citronelle, Alabama, and he served there from 1968–1980. He received his Associate Arts Degree from S.D. Bishop State Junior College in 1975 and Bachelor of Arts Degree from Mobile College in 1976. In 1979, he graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity Degree, and in 1980 he earned his Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Virginia Seminary. He became the pastor of the Truevine Missionary Baptist Church in 1982 and has remained there to date.

Besides serving as a pastor, Rev. Johnson has held positions in the Mt. Olive Baptist Church and the Sweet Pilgrim Baptist Church. He currently serves as the Chaplain for the University of South Alabama Medical Center. Throughout the years he has been a member of and led many civic and religious organizations. With his dedication to God and his community it is no surprise that he has been recognized with awards by various groups on numerous occasions. His life has been and continues to be an example for all to follow.

I got to know Rev. Johnson during what was most certainly the most difficult period in his life following the death of his son, Howard, II, in service to his country in Iraq. The reverend showed almost inhuman strength, faith, and courage during this tragic time, and he has my deepest respect and admiration.

It is most appropriate that on July 13, 2003, Rev. Johnson will be recognized for his 21 years at the Truevine Missionary Baptist Church. His wife, Gloria, and two daughters, Zsazquez RaShaunn and Geiselle LaVonne will join him in his celebration. This is a much deserved honor. We are fortunate to have Rev. Johnson as a leader in our district, and I am truly proud to call him my friend.

REGARDING THE ACTUARIAL
VALUE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG
BENEFITS OFFERED TO MEDI-
CARE ELIGIBLE ENROLLEES BY
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PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, in light of yesterday's consideration of a bill to ensure that federal retirees will not lose their prescription drug coverage under the Republican leadership's Medicare prescription drug legislation, I have a question for Mr. DAVIS.

Chairman DAVIS, I applaud you and the Government Reform Committee for looking out for the interests of retired federal employees. I must ask, however, why you do not see an inconsistency here.

With this bill, you have acknowledged that the Medicare drug legislation passed by this House could give Congress an incentive to drop prescription drug coverage for federal retirees because they will get prescription drug coverage under Medicare.

Will you also acknowledge that under the Medicare bill passed by the Republican leadership, nearly one-third of employers currently offering retiree drug benefits—covering 11 million seniors—would drop that coverage, according to the CBO? If federal retirees are to